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1. MONSOON ACTIVITY GAINED MOMENTUM DURING WEEK ENDING
JULY 12, COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS WEEK. WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF NORTHEASTERN INDIA AND TAMIL NADU IN SOUTH, ENTIRE
COUNTRY RECEIVED NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL
PRECIPITATION. RAINFALL FOR WEEK IN THESE DEFICIENT SUB-DIVISIONS
WAS 45-89 PERCENT BELOW NORMAL.

2. CUMULATIVE RAINFALL JUNE 1 TO JULY 12, WAS
NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL THROUGHOUT COUNTRY EXCEPT FOR
NORTHERN PART OF WEST BENGAL AND TAMIL NADU WHICH
WERE 26 AND 41 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY, WEATHER
ZONES WHICH RECEIVED NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL
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ACCOUNTED FOR 89 PERCENT OF TOTAL KHARIF
CEREAL PRODUCTION (COMPARED TO 80 PERCENT IN
COMPARABLE PERIOD OF 1977). USING DISTRIBUTION OF
KHARIF PRODUCTION DURING 1970-71 AS A BASE.

3. WATER FROM METTUR DAM IN SOUTH INDIA, WHICH IRRIGATES
DELTA OF THANJAVUR (RICE BOWL OF TAMIL NADU)

WAS RELEASED ON JULY 5. THE WATER LEVEL ON JULY 12
STOOD AT 82.65 FEET (56 FEET LAST YEAR).

4. MONSOON PERFORMANCE IN THE FIRST SIX WEEKS OF
SEASON HAS BENEFITTED SOWING IN MOST STATES
AND A NORMAL KHARIF CROP AT THIS EARLY STAGE
IS IN PROSPECT.
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